



PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2016
5:30 P.M. – CONFERENCE ROOM – STE. 168

- I. **Call to order**
Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Becky Denney and Commissioner Jerry Barnes were present.
- II. **Prayer - Bart Connelly**
Pledge of Allegiance
- III. **Amendments to Agenda - None**
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve the agenda; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.
- V. **Employee Recognition – Commissioner Denney presented Jeremy Jones a pin and certificate for his 10 years of service in the Fire Department. Lori Clayton with the Public Defender office was also recognized for ten years of service**
- VI. **Finance Report - CFO Faye Harvey reported that the October 2016 Financial Report reflects ten months of the 2016 fiscal year. Expenditure budgets should be 83.3% or less. General Fund revenue collections for the period ending October 31, 2016 total \$13,689,810 or 57.46% of the amount budgeted. General Fund expenditures through October 31, 2016 are \$19,029,545 or 79.87% of budgeted amounts. Overall, expenditures are 3.43% under budget. Line item budget reports were distributed to department heads and elected officials on November 10, 2016 and copies of line item budget reports are available for review.**
- VII. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. **Signed Native American Indian Heritage Month Proclamation**
 - B. **Signed Joint Pickens County – City of Jasper Red Ribbon Week Proclamation**
 - C. **Signed Proclamation declaring the day of November 6, 2016 as “Retired Educators Day”**
- VIII. **Old Business**
 - A. **Price Creek Road Bridge – Two bids were received: North Georgia Concrete Inc. - \$295,659; Lewallen Construction Co. - \$350,000. Commissioner Barnes made motion to award bid to North Georgia Concrete Inc.; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.**
- IX. **New Business**
 - A. **Upper Etowah River Alliance Director, Diane Minick gave a power point Presentation - “Protecting the Etowah River”. The Upper Etowah River Alliance was formed in 1997 by representatives from the 5 counties that make up the Upper Etowah River Watershed to determine the status of the watershed and the river and develop a plan to preserve, protect and educate others about the river. She stated that the Etowah isn’t in Pickens, Long Swamp and Shoal**

Creek and others feed the Etowah. The Upper Etowah River Alliance is an education organization dedicated to helping citizens in Cherokee, Pickens, Forsyth, Dawson and Lumpkin Counties learn about the unique qualities of the Etowah watershed and ways they can do their part to help improve the conditions and prevent further degradation. She explained that when available they use grants to help citizens fix nonpoint pollution problems on their property, they provide educational opportunities for students in the classroom to learn about the watershed – they have visited classrooms here in Pickens County. She said they are invested in Pickens County and want to help in any way they can.

X. Action Items

A. Approve Minutes

- 1) Regular Board Meeting – October 20, 2016
- 2) Work Session – November 3, 2016

Commissioner Barnes made motion to approve Minutes from October 20 meeting and November 3 work session; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

B. Rezone Request - None

C. Authorize approval of advertisement of Proposed 2017 Budget.

CFO Faye Harvey stated that the proposed 2017 Budget is \$25,364,859 and that a public hearing on the proposed 2017 budget will be held Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. prior to the 10:00 Work Session. The proposed budgets are available for review at www.pickenscountyga.gov. Detailed budgets are available for review in the Finance Director's office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The FY 2017 budget will be adopted at a Board of Commissioners meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Barnes made motion to authorize advertisement of the proposed 2017 Budget; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

D. Appointment of Judge Alan Morris to the Region 1 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) Advisory Council – Three year Term beginning November 17, 2016 and ending November 16, 2019.

Commissioner Barnes made motion to appoint of Judge Alan Morris to the Region 1 DBHDD; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

E. Appointment of Lee Thrasher to the Pickens County Planning Commission to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Linda Casey. The remainder of the 4 year term ends December 31, 2018.

Commissioner Barnes made motion to appoint Lee Thrasher to the Planning Commission; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

F. Re-Appoint Bill Cagle, Toddy Hendrix and Harold Hensley to the Pickens County Planning Commission – 4 yr. term 1/1/17 – 12/31/2020

Commissioner Barnes made motion to reappoint Bill Cagle, Toddy Hendrix and Harold Hensley to the Planning Commission; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

G. Authorize the Chairman to sign the FY2017-2018 GDOT Grant for MATS transit system

Commissioner Barnes made motion to authorize Chairman Jones to sign the FY2017-2018 GDOT Grant for MATS transit system.

H. Authorize the Chairman to sign Model Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance

Commissioner Barnes made motion to authorize Chairman Jones to sign Model Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance.

I. Authorize the Chairman to sign contract with Lead Edge Design Group – Airport Engineering

Commissioner Barnes made motion to authorize Chairman Jones to sign contract with Lead Edge Design Group for Airport Engineering; Commissioner Denney seconded; all voted aye.

XI. Guests/Comments

Mr. Jeff Squires spoke on behalf of several residents regarding the need for ordinances to address problems before they occur and provide proper managed control for things such as outside storage, parking, lighting, sound. He asked the BOC to please accelerate development of ordinances to not pollute our county.

Mr. Bart Connelly asked if the taxes were coming in and if there would be enough to cover the TAN.

CFO Faye Harvey said \$1,638,000 was collected in October. She thinks we will be fine.

Mr. William Edward Simmons asked if the item regarding his property at 2514 Hwy 515 South that was tabled at the October BOC meeting was still tabled. Chairman Jones said “yes”. The County Attorney is looking at it and he said they would rule on this before the 90 days is up.

XII. Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

These Minutes were approved at the December 15, 2016 BOC meeting.

The BOC meetings are videotaped and may be viewed at www.knowpickens.com.